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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

KANAMORI ET AL.

Examiner

Quochien B. Vuong

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- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 21 May 2007.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 19-26 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 23-25 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 19-22 and 26 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Continued Examination Under 37 CFR 1.114

1. A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on 05/21/2007 has been entered.

Information Disclosure Statement

2. The information disclosure statement (IDS) submitted on 05/21/2007 is in compliance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.97. Accordingly, the information disclosure statement is being considered by the examiner.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(a) the invention was known or used by others in this country, or patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country, before the invention thereof by the applicant for a patent.

4. Claims 19, 21, and 26 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(a) as being anticipated by Hofschien et al. (WO 99/00962 – English translation).

Regarding claim 19, Hofschien et al. discloses a portable telephone set (figure 1) comprising: talking means (microphone and speakers); music replay means (SPM), for superposing a talking voice of telephone communication on replayed means when making the telephone communication through the talking means during the music replay by the music replay means; and volume control means for controlling the volume of the replayed music and the volume of the talking voice of the telephone communication (the combined mobile phone with an audio unit (figure 2) comprising volume control means (LRS) which can inherently control the volume of the replayed music and the volume of the telephone communication, see column 12, lines 15-21) (see abstract; and page 7, line 16 – page 10, line 5).

Regarding claim 21, Hofschien et al. disclose the portable telephone set capable of arbitrarily setting the volume of the talking voice of the telephone communication and the volume of the replayed music in the process of the music replay (page 9, lines 1-12; and page 10, lines 1-5).

Regarding claim 26, Hofschien et al. disclose wherein the volume control means reduces the volume of the replayed music when superposing the talking voice of the telephone communication on the replayed music in the process of music replay (page 9, line1 1-12; and page 10, lines 1-5).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

5. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

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(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

6. Claims 20 and 22 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hofschen et al. in view of Chin (US 5,661,788).

Regarding claim 20, Hofschen et al. disclose the portable telephone set according to claim 19. Hofschen do not disclose telephone number storage means storing telephone numbers, and superposing the talking voice of the telephone communication on the replayed music in the process of the music replay by the music replay means when making the telephone communication with the telephone numbers stored in the telephone number storage means. However, Chin (figure 1) discloses telephone number storage means storing telephone numbers (figure 1, item 112) for selectively alerting the user of preferred telephone calls (see abstract, column 2, line 45 – column 3, line 3). Therefore, it would have been obvious for one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to adapt the telephone number storage means and the teaching of Chin to the portable telephone set of Hofschen et al. in such a way the portable telephone set superposing the talking voice of the telephone communication on the replayed music in the process of the music replay by the music replay means when making the telephone communication with the telephone numbers stored in the telephone number storage means so that the user can be selectively alerted of the preferred incoming telephone calls as suggested by Chin (column 1, lines 50-53).

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Regarding claim 22, Hofschen et al. and Chin disclose the portable telephone set of claim 20 above; in addition, Hofschen et al. disclose the portable telephone set capable of arbitrarily setting the volume of the talking voice of the telephone communication and the volume of the replayed music in the process of the music replay in correspondence to the telephone number stored in the telephone number storage means (page 9, lines 1-12; and page 10, lines 1-5).

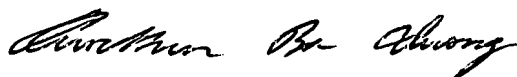
Conclusion

7. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Quochien B. Vuong whose telephone number is (571) 272-7902. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 9:30-18:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Nay Maung can be reached on (571) 272-7882. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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